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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of )  
Yoji SAKAGAMI et al. ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Application No.: New U.S. Application ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Filed: February 20, 2002 )  
For: A PRECURSOR POLYPEPTIDE OF )  
PHYTOSULFOKINE DERIVED )  
FROM ARABIDOPSIS THALIANA )  
AND A GENE ENCODING SAID )  
POLYPEPTIDE )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly replace claims 5, 6, 11, and 12, and add new claims 13-20, as follows:

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5. (Amended) A method to promote proliferation of a plant cell, the method comprising incorporation of said gene according to claim 4 into said plant cell.

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6. (Amended) A transgenic plant cell comprising said gene according to claim 4 incorporated therein to promote proliferation of said plant cell.